

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincerest condolences
4 to the family and friends of William Henderson Tolliver, who
5 passed away on July 6, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, William Henderson Tolliver was born on May 8,
7 1926 in Birmingham, Alabama; he was the youngest of four
8 children born to Joseph and Estella Tolliver; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Tolliver was a 1943 graduate of A.H. Parker
10 High School in Birmingham; he attended Lincoln University in
11 Lincoln, Pennsylvania and worked as a clerk for the United
12 States Post Office from 1943 to 1945; he relocated to
13 Chicago, where he attended Cortez Business College through
14 1948; and

15 WHEREAS, In early 1945, Mr. Tolliver was inducted into
16 the United States Army and was promoted to the rank of
17 sergeant; he was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves
18 in 1951; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Tolliver worked for the Veterans
20 Administration from 1947 to 1953; during this time he met
21 Jamie Johnson; they married in 1951; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Tolliver began his career with the Chicago
23 Police Department in 1953; during his 36-year tenure with the
24 department, he received numerous awards and citations for
25 outstanding service and was one of the first African
26 Americans promoted to the rank of detective; he retired in
27 1989; and

28 WHEREAS, William Tolliver was a family man, a devoted
29 husband and father, and a loyal companion to many; he had a
30 "happy-go-lucky" demeanor and a memorable half-smile; he
31 loved to laugh and tease and enjoyed boxing and fishing; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of William Henderson Tolliver will
2 be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
3 wife, Jamie P. Tolliver; his son, William Henderson Tolliver,
4 Jr.; his daughter, Gail Estelle Tolliver Crockett; his
5 daughter-in-law, Audrey Tolliver; his son-in-law, Roger
6 Crockett; his grandsons, William Henderson Tolliver III and
7 Christopher Eugene Tolliver; his nephew, Clifton (wife,
8 Altomeas) Latting; his niece, Vanessa Tolliver; his
9 grandnephews, Jonathan and John Wesley Latting; his
10 grandniece, Valencia Latting; his sisters-in-law, Mattie
11 Tolliver, Evelyn Tregre, Connie Spears, and Edith Greenlee;
12 and his brothers-in-law, Howard Johnson, Hilton Tregre, and
13 Carl Spears; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins,
14 and friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of William
18 Henderson Tolliver of Chicago; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of William Henderson Tolliver with
21 our sincere condolences.